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Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health and Human Services
12420 Parklawn Drive, Room 1-23
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Re: Ban Forced Molting of Hens - Docket #:98P-0203/CP

Dear FDA:

I am writing to urge you, both for humanitarian and safety reasons, to ban the forced molting of "laying" hens. This is a practice which is cruel to the birds, and increases the spread of Salmonella Enteritis infection.

I would appreciate your immediate banning of the practice of forced molting of hens.

Sincerely,

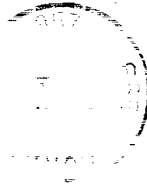


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